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### ANT 211: Cultural Anthropology Summer -Asynchronous Online Syllabus

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**Lehman Summer Session**

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**ANT 211- Online-3 credits**

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### **ANT 211: Cultural Anthropology**

**Course Description:** An examination of cultural variations in contemporary and historical societies worldwide. Discussion of specific cultural components, such as technology and material products, language, economy, values, ideology, religion, and aesthetics. Consideration of the role of cultural anthropology in addressing contemporary global issues.

### **Course Learning Objectives**

By the end of the semester students will be able to:

- Explain the foundations of cultural anthropology.
- Understand how cultural anthropologists gather qualitative and quantitative data using ethnographic field work techniques.
- Appreciate human diversity and the impact of globalization on cultural change by studying a wide variety of case studies and real-world scenarios in a bias-free manner.
- Analyze and discuss the role that race, ethnicity, class, gender, language, sexual orientation, belief, material culture or other forms of social differentiation play in world cultures and societies.
- Compose well-written responses to academic readings and class discussion topics using the holistic and comparative perspective of anthropology.
- Create a kinship chart by gathering information from their family members.
- Conduct mini ethnographic fieldwork projects and produce short papers based on their findings.

**Zero-Cost Textbook:** This course uses [Discovering Cultural Anthropology](#), an open educational resource (OER). It is comprised of original work by Antonia M. Santangelo along with adapted / remixed material from [Perspectives: An Open Introduction to Cultural Anthropology \(Second Edition\)](#) by Nina Brown, Thomas McIlwraith, Laura Tubelle de González under the CC BY-NC 4.0 copyright license. There is no textbook to purchase.

### **Required Technology:**

- An active Lehman College email account
- Access to Blackboard
- A dependable computer or compatible device with audio capabilities
- Reliable internet access

### **Policies, Procedures and Tips:**

- This is a fully online course taught asynchronously on a Blackboard (Bb) site.
- Students must confirm that their email address is correct in the Bb system and check their email account Monday-Friday for instructor communications.
- The “Start Here” folder on Blackboard will provide instructions on how to access all the materials for the course, including the zero-cost textbook and the relevant tools on Blackboard.
- This is an intensive summer course designed to give a semester’s worth of material in a short amount of time. The workload is reasonable, but students must be diligent and adhere to daily and weekly deadlines to stay on track and succeed.
- There will be an “office hour” forum on the Discussion Board. The instructor will answer questions live each Monday from 9:00-10:00 am EST. This will not be private.
- For private communication, students must email the instructor. If necessary, an appointment for a zoom meeting can be arranged.

### **Grade Calculation**

**10 points:** 4 Knowledge Check quizzes (2.5 pts each)

**10 points:** 10 Annotation assignments with Hypothesis.is

**10 points:** Kinship Chart

**25 points:** Fieldwork Project 1 (New Dining Experience)

**25 points:** Fieldwork Project 2 (Soundscape Analysis)

**6 points:** Discussion Board interactions in each project forum (2 pts each)

**24 points:** Final Exam

**Lehman College’s grade symbols and corresponding numerical grades and quality points are:** A = 93-100 (4.0) A- = 90-92 (3.7) B+ = 87-89 (3.3) B = 83-86 (3.0) B- = 80-82 (2.7) C+ = 77-79 (2.3) C = 73-76 (2.0) D+= 67-72 (1.3) D = 60-66 (1.0) F = 0-59 (0)

**For Lehman College’s grading policies,** please <https://www.lehman.edu/registrar/>

### **Assignments**

- **Knowledge Check quizzes:** These 5 question quizzes will test that the information presented up until that point has been retained. Two attempts will be allowed. *Additional information on the quizzes will be available on Blackboard.*
- **Annotation assignments with Hypothesis.is:** Students will be taught how to use Hypothesis.is (a social annotation tool) to make notes and comments on course readings.
- **Kinship Chart Assignment:** Students will learn how to conduct interviews to gather data from their family members to create a custom kinship chart.
- **Fieldwork Project 1:** “New Dining Experience” focuses on the anthropology of food. Students will research the cuisine of another culture and choose a particular dish to study and taste. The fieldwork assignment will involve consuming this chosen dish in a restaurant setting (other options will be available). A detailed report will be submitted.

- **Fieldwork Project 2:** “Soundscape Analysis” highlights the powerful cultural information available if one takes in as much sonic data as possible. Students will analyze the use of sound in cultural anthropology and embark on a unique sonic adventure. A detailed report (including fieldnotes) will be submitted.
- **Discussion Board interactions:** Students will be required to read assignments submitted by classmates (selected by the instructor) and interact. The interactions will include posing questions, making comments and responding.
- **Final Exam:** The timed exam will test the foundational information, major concepts and vocabulary taught throughout the course. There will be 40 questions formatted as multiple-choice and true/ false. The professor will provide a review sheet prior to the exam and offer tips for studying.

## Course Schedule

Daily Schedule	Lecture Topic	Assignment due
Lecture 1	Intro to Anthropology	Knowledge Check 1
Lecture 2	The Culture Concept 1	
Lecture 3	The Culture Concept 2	Annotations assignment 1
Lecture 4	Doing Fieldwork	Annotations assignment 2
Lecture 5	Kinship	Knowledge Check 2
Lecture 6	History of Anthropological Ideas	Annotations assignment 3
Lecture 7	Language	Kinship Chart due
Lecture 8	Subsistence 1	Discussion Board Interactions for the Kinship Chart
Lecture 9	Subsistence 2	Annotations assignment 4
Lecture 10	Economics	Knowledge Check 3 Annotations assignment 5
Lecture 11	Political Anthropology	Annotations assignment 6
Lecture 12	Family and Marriage	Project 1 due
Lecture 13	Race and Ethnicity	Discussion Board Interactions for Project 1 Annotations assignment 7

Lecture 14	Gender and Sexuality	Annotations assignment 8
Lecture 15	Religion 1	Knowledge Check 4
Lecture 16	Religion 2	Annotations assignment 9
Lecture 17	Health and Medicine	Project 2 due
Lecture 18	Course Review	Discussion Board Interactions for Project 2 Annotations assignment 10
		Final Exam

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**Use of Technology and Blackboard Information**

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